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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ON SAFETY OF CANDU REACTORS

1. A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE TORONTO "GLOBE AND MAIL" OF 13 JUNE 1978, ENTITLED: "FOUR NUCLEAR PLANTS MAY BE UNSAFE."

2. THIS ARTICLE STATED THAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON ELECTRIC POWER PLANNING SUGGESTING THAT PUBLIC SAFETY STANDARDS AT ONTARIO'S FOUR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS ARE INADEQUATE.

3. THIS COMMISSION, COMMONLY CALLED THE PORTER COMMISSION, WAS SET UP BY RENE BRUNELLE, PROVINCIAL SECRETARY FOR RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, SOME MONTHS AGO TO LOOK INTO THE ROLE THAT NUCLEAR PLANTS WILL PLAY IN ELECTRIC POWER PLANNING FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

4. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, ARTHUR PORTER, IS PURPORTED TO HAVE SENT A LETTER TO BRUNELLE WHICH REFERS TO "SERIOUS CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO THE SAFETY OF EXISTING NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS IN ONTARIO."

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5. SCICOUNS DISCUSSED ARTICLE WITH DR. ALAN PRINCE, PRESIDENT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL BOARD, ON 13 JUNE. PRINCE SAID THAT THERE IS "NO NEW OR COMPELLING INFORMATION" ON REACTOR SAFETY WHICH WOULD WARRANT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE GLOBE AND MAIL. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH PORTER TODAY AND THAT THE LATTER

IS EMBARRASSED BY THE ARTICLE.

6. COPY OF GLOBE AND MAIL ARTICLE BEING POUCHED TO DEPT
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